THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) At present 49 Retail Outlets are in operation in Darjeeling district of West Bengal.

(b) and (c) Action for setting up 5 retail outlets at Matigara, Kharibari, Mirrik, Gorubathan and Bidhan Nagar has been initiated. These will be commissioned after selection of dealers has been made and other formalities are completed.

Demand for LPG Cylinders

2476. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present demand of LPG cylinders in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of LPG cylinders in the country; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to set up more plants for refilling LPG cylinders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The present demand of the oil companies for LPG cylinders ranges from 28 lakhs to 35 lakhs cylinders.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Klox Range Formulations

2477. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the approved prices of Klox range of formulation and when were these prices approved;

(b) what are the details of prices on which the company has been selling the formulations from time to time after 1979; and

(c) what action was taken against the company for overcharging the prices of formulations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) M/s. Lyka Labs. is marketing the formulations referred to in the question at their own prices pending disposal of the review petitions against the prices fixed by the Government. To the extent information is available, prices fixed by the Government and those being charged by the company are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the formulation	Pack size	Price fixed by Govt.	Price being charged by the company
1.	Klox Caps. 500 mg.	12's	24·40	34.18
2	Klox Inj. 250 mg.	2 ml. vial	3·17	5.22
3	Klox Inj. 500 mg. Review pettition is being expidited	5 ml. vial	4·07	7.10

Notices for Recovery under DPEA

2478. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the companies and bulk drugs in respect of which notices for recovery under the Drug Prices Equalisation Account are yet to be issued after the inception of the Drugs Price Control Order, 1979;

(b) what are the reasons for non-issuance of notice in each case;

(c) whether notices can be issued belatedly; and

(d) if so, by when the notices would be issued in all the cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Necessary action as per due process of law has been taken against the companies from whom recoveries are due.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Price of Metakelfin Tablets

2479. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the approved price of Metakelfin Tablets and at what price this medicine is being sold;

(b) whether it is a fact that the manufacturer of this product is selling a number of other products either at prices in excess than approved prices or without price approval;

(c) if so, what are the names of the products alongwith the price at which each is being sold alongwith the approved price of each;

(d) whether any show cause notice has been issued for violation of the Drugs Price Control Order; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) A price of Rs. 4.89 has been fixed for a strip of two tablets under Drug (Prices Control) Order, 1979, against the price of Rs. 7.69 currently being charged by M/s. Walter Bushnal.

(b) and (c) The company is marketing a number of formulations in different pack sizes. The required details are therefore not readily available.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The company is being asked to implement the price fixed by the Government.

Amount due from IDPL and HAL

2480. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount due from IDPL and HAL under Para 7(2) of Drugs Price Control Order, 1979 has been calculated by his Ministry;

(b) if so, what is the amount worked out in respect of each during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for non-calculations of amount due and what action has been taken against those responsible for this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) Necessary action has been initiated to recover the amount.

Performance of I.D.P.L.

2481. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the main reason for IDPL losses is the burden of expenditure and interference of top bureaucrats;

(b) if so, what role is being played by his Ministry in the working, planning and policy of IDPL;

(c) whether it is a fact that IDPL has not been able to utilise the available production capacity of a number of drugs;